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8.34 am - 12 noon
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Scene of Crime.
Robison - Ferry Rds.
Shou Ming Hospital.
Det. Office.

Mokanshan Road and Tenguis Road corner.

At 8.30 a.m. 12.9.40.

At 8.34 a.m. 12.9.40. by telephone.

Mr. Sung Pak Chan (孫伯祥), Manager of the Foo
Poong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road Tel. No. 34390.

Four male Chinese set in custody (all armed):

1. Age 25/26, Height 5'6", medium build, round face, dark complexion, long hair brushed back, wearing blue jacket and pants. Northern Dialect. Armed.
2. Age 26/27, height 5'7", medium build, long dark face, long hair brushed back, wearing white shirt and blue pants. Northern Dialect. Armed.
3. Age about 25, height 5'6", slim build, long hair brushed back, thin face, wearing blue jacket and pants. Northern Dialect. Armed.
4. Age about 26, height 5'6", thin build, round thin peak marked face, dark complexion, wearing blue jacket and pants. Northern Dialect. Armed.

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N.O. A gang of male Chinese armed with pistols held up a private motorcar on a public highway on pretext of searching the vehicle. They drove away with one of the occupants and fired one shot when challenged later by a police officer.

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DATE 17/9/40

At 8.30 a.m. Thursday, September 12, 1940, the son of Mr. Sung Yeh Chuan (孫伯群), Manager of the Foo Fong (阜丰) Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, named Sung Yih Sung (孫以尼), a student age 20, was kidnapped by four male Chinese armed with mauser pistols at the corner of Tonquin and Mokanshan Road. They drove the victim away in the manager's Dodge Sedan motorcar, Lic. No. 4981, after ejecting the chauffeur and five other occupants.

Enquiries disclosed the following information

At 8.34 a.m. September 12, C.P.C. 2137 telephoned to Footscray Road Police Station that an armed kidnapping had occurred at the corner of Tonquin and Mokanshan Roads. The victim, a male Chinese, was conveyed away in motorcar Lic. No. 4981. The report was circulated for the car to be stopped.

At 8.35 a.m. September 12, C.P.C. 301 reports by telephone that a shot was fired from a sedan Lic. No. 4981 proceeding west on Robison Road near Ferry Road. The vehicle disappeared at a high speed south along Ferry Road.

A party of Police and detectives under the officer i/c, attended the scene, where enquiries and a search of the locality failed to find any further trace of the sedan, bullet or shells.

The chauffeur of the vehicle named See Kung Sung (曾光生), age 25, Shanghai, together with the wife of the mill manager came to the station, where they made reports as follows:

At about 8.25 a.m. September 12, the chauffeur See Kung Sung left the mill quarters at

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No. 126 Hokanshan Road driving the sedan carrying five passengers consisting of Mrs. Sung, wife of the manager, with her three sons and one daughter namely (1) Sung Yih Zung (孫以忠), age 20, (2) Sung Yih Sing (孫以清), age 13, (3) Sung Yih Zing (孫以清), age 10, and (4) Sung Yih Chai (孫以齊), age 13.

The three young children were to be conveyed as usual to school while the victim Sung Yih Zung intended to proceed to the Dah Deong College No. 1360 Ginza Road.

When the vehicle was turning south from Hokanshan Road into Tenquin Road, four male Chinese (See page 1), all armed with muzzle pistols, walked into the roadway flourished their weapons and called upon the chauffeur to stop the vehicle. The men spoke northern dialect and claimed they were a search party. Two took up positions on the left of the vehicle while one pulled the chauffeur from his seat on the right while the other armed man stood in the roadway in front of the vehicle.

The passengers were then forced to alight to the footpath where the victim was forced to return again to the rear seat followed by two of the armed men, one of whom attempted an attempt to force one of the children (No. 2), into the car being he Mrs. Sung's

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actions in holding onto the child who cried. The car was then driven away on Tonquin Road.

Mrs. Sung with the chauffeur and children immediately ran to the mill, where they reported the matter together with C.P.C. 2137, whom they encountered near the mill premises.

Meanwhile, the vehicle while proceeding west along Robison Road collided with a female Chinese, who was knocked down. This person apparently was unhurt, as she ran away. The accident was witnessed by C.P.C. 901, who was some 50 yards away and ran to the scene. He was within about 10 yards of the vehicle which had returned upon him when he heard a shot fired inside the car. He loaded his pistol, called after the chauffeur to stop, however, the vehicle speeded away, as he gave the alarm on his whistle, and gave chase as far as Ngai Road, where he lost sight of the car.

Detectives pursued careful enquiries to endeavour to trace the route of the vehicle without success. It is safe to state that as the French Police are operating strict search parties of vehicles at barricades on all roads leading into the French Concession from the settlement that the vehicle in question proceeded through the western limits of the

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Mr. Sung Fah Chan was interviewed at the mill, where he resides quietly with his family. He stated that no letters, threats or demands of any kind had been made prior to the kidnapping, furthermore, he was not able to furnish any information as to likely suspects among the mill staff.

He added that as the family have no enemies and have carefully refrained from mixing in affairs of a Political nature, he is of the opinion that the kidnapping was carried out by a gang of criminals motivated only with a desire for ransom.

His chauffeur has been employed for four months and was recommended by the former chauffeur, who resigned when he was offered employment by another family. This ex-chauffeur is regarded as reliable and still resides in the mill quarters with his family.

Further enquiries are proceeding concerning the chauffeurs and arrangements have been made to watch or learn of any attempt of the gang to contact the victim's family.

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Zau Kung Sung.

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Clerk Chin Hung Kong.

My name is Zau Kung Sung, age 23, native of Shanghai, 9/chauffeur, holding Driving Permit No. 19545 (S.M.C.), residing at the Foo Poong Flour Mill quarters, 126 Hokanshan Road.

About 4 months ago, I was recommended to Mr. Sung Pan Chun, Assistant Manager of the above concern, to drive his private motor car S.M.C. Lic. No. 4381 by his old chauffeur named Wong Sin Kung, who is my distant relation. The reason for his resignation was due to the fact that he had a better job at some other place.

Since September 1st, 1940 (after summer vacation), I had 4 trips a day to drive the employer's children to and from the Basant Girls School, 34 Ferry Road, near Bubbling Well Rd. In every trip, we were accompanied by the eldest son of my employer, whose school will be re-opened for its new terms on 13.9.40. The only way is to pass along Hokanshan Road and Tonquin Road when leaving or returning to the mill.

At about 8.25 a.m. even date, as is usual, I drove my car from the mill garage to my employer's quarters in the mill. to await the arrival of all the children. After an elapse of five minutes, my employer's wife together with her four children, 3 sons and 1 daughter, came out of the mill quarters and entered the car. The eldest son of my employer sat in the front with me, while the remainder sat in the rear. After leaving the mill premises, I drove the car in a westerly direction on Hokanshan Road. At about 8.30 a.m. upon arrival at the corner of Hokanshan and Tonquin Roads, I slowed down my car intending to turn south into Tonquin Road, when a male

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Chinese suddenly appeared in the front of the car. Producing a black pistol, he ordered me to stop the vehicle for a search. Meanwhile, 3 other male Chinese, all armed with pistols, approached the car from both sides, one from my side (right) and two from the other side (left). They opened the doors of the car and ordered all of us to alight for a search. After we all left the vehicle, the two armed men on the left side pulled out the eldest son of my employer and entered the rear of the car, while the armed man on the right took my seat and the other in front entered the front of the car. The motor car was quickly driven away by the armed men who intimidated me at the right side.

Following the incident, I immediately returned to the mill for the purpose of making a report and when reaching a distance of 40 yards west of the mill, I met a C.P.C. to whom I made a report accordingly.

The description of the armed men is as follows:

1. Age about 25/26, height about 5'8", medium build, round face, dark complexion, long hair brushed back, wearing blue jacket and pants. Northern Dialect. Armed.
2. Age about 26/27, height 5'7", medium build, long face, dark complexion, long hair brushed back, wearing white shirt and blue pants. Northern Dialect. Armed.
3. Age about 25, height about 5'8", slim build, long hair brushed back, round face, wearing blue jacket and pants. Northern Dialect. Armed.
4. Age about 26, height about 5'8", thin build, round thin peak marked face, dark complexion, wearing blue jacket and pants. Northern Dialect. Armed.

This is my true statement.

Signed, Ben King Wang.

C.P.C. 901 Lau Yeung Tsing.

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himself.
translated Clerk Chin Hung Keng.
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Sir,

I beg to report that at about 8.35 a.m. 12.9.40. whilst I was on duty at the corner of Robison and Ferry Roads outside the Lau Yau Vang Silver Smith Shop, I saw a motor car S.H.C. Lic. No. 4981 which was proceeding from east to west along Robison Road, turn south into Ferry Road. When reaching outside the S Sz Tsang Macaroni Shop, the car collided with a female Chinese and knocked her down. The scene of the accident was about 50 yards away from me. On seeing this, I immediately went to investigate and when approaching the car about 10 yards, I heard the report of one shot fired by occupants inside the car. I then loaded my service pistol, blew my whistle and chased after the vehicle which was driven away in fast speed. On arriving at Wapai Road, the car had passed the Shau King Hospital and disappeared. I then telephoned the station.

When I returned to the scene of the accident, I found that the injured female had gone.

Signed. Lau Yeung Tsing.

C.P.C. 2137 Ma Zung Sai.

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Clerk Chin Hung Kong.

Sir,

I beg to report that I was on 1st day duty from 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 12.9.40. When reporting for duty, I was detailed to walk No. 3 and 4 beats.

At 8.25 a.m. even date, whilst patrolling along Mokanshan Road, I saw a female Chinese, a male Chinese and two children running east towards me in an excited manner. I inquired of them what had happened, the male Chinese replied that his employer's son had been kidnapped. He told me that he is a chauffeur and that the kidnappers had gone, having driven the motor car S.H.C. Lic. No. 4981. I immediately informed the station of the occurrence through a street telephone following which I accompanied the chauffeur to the station.

Signed. Ma Zung Sai.